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McGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL.

FACULTY OF ARTS,
OFFICE OF THE DEAN.

March 22. 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
T o r o n t o.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer,

You have doubtless received a cable from Lord Milner, and forwarded by the Canadian Under Secretary of State for External Affairs, relative to the pursuance of their university studies by men (non-Canadians) who would be nominated in England by the Imperial Education Committee, and given a maximum grant of £175 per annum to the end proposed. Among the questions that naturally arise from the project is that of fees. In the general interests of the university, it seems to me impossible to grant concessions in that matter beyond those granted to returned Canadian soldiers (except, of course, matriculants), in other words, that fees, either total or in part should be demanded of such men. I am writing to ask you to be so kind as to indicate the general policy of Toronto University regarding the proposal and more especially to what extent, if any, Toronto University is expecting to rely on government assistance, either federal or provincial. It is

obviously desirable that Canadian universities should face the problem in the same way if they can. The points of nomination and residence cause no difficulty.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Chas. E. Moyse

Vice-Principal.

March 24th, 1919

Vice-Principal C. H. Boyce,
McGill University,
Montreal, Q.

My dear Dr. Boyce:

The Military authorities and after them the Minister of Education for the Province sent us a copy of the cable from Lord Milner. The answer that we made to both of those communications was very much in the line of yours, namely,- that we will do everything in our power to place these students in such a position in the University as to get most advantage of the work that they have already done; that we will in that place them in precisely the same status as our men returning from overseas, but that we cannot make any remission of fees as we are not doing this for our own students. We hesitate to say that a committee in England would be able to assign any student exactly to the position that he should receive in our University. It is much safer that he should come with the assurance that we ourselves will gladly give him what we judge will be most suitable for him.

I am also enclosing a copy of a letter that I am sending to the Hon. Dr. Cutler, Minister of Repatriation. Would you be kind enough if you agree with the proposition to support the matter by writing to the Government ? With kind regards,

I am, Yours sincerely,

President.